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The Honorable Bill Chappell, Jr.
Chairman
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House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of 22 March which commends [redacted] for his efforts during his tenure as one of our Congressional support officers. Your recognition of [redacted] service is most appreciated and hopefully applies to the efforts made by the entire staff as they respond to the day-to-day requirements of our oversight process.

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As you have stated, the role of our Congressional staff officer is very delicate and only our most qualified and experienced officers are assigned here. They must have a very broad knowledge of our programs and the Agency, and provide the required information necessary for Congress to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities. This assignment is different from anything that these officers will do in their careers as they leave their area of substantive expertise and develop the relationships with those who have jurisdiction over our resources.

In closing, let me again thank you for honoring [redacted] and I join you in recognizing his accomplishments over the past three years.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ William H. Webster

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William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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Honorable William Webster
 Director
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Dear Judge Webster:

One of the more important relationships that any federal agency must foster is with the congressional committees which have jurisdiction over its resources. In the forefront of this dialogue are those people assigned to the legislative liaison organizations within these agencies. Without such personnel who are fully conversant with the CIA program requirements as well as the realities of the congressional appropriations process, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the Congress to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.

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It is in this context that I wish to thank you for the outstanding support provided to the Committee by [redacted] who recently completed an assignment with your legislation liaison staff. [redacted] has consistently met the demanding role of the "honest broker" between the Committee and the CIA by recognizing our needs, but at the same time vigorously defending the budgetary requirements of the CIA. This is a difficult balance to maintain, but [redacted] has repeatedly demonstrated his significant professional capabilities in an unfailing manner.

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On behalf of the Committee and its staff, I want to commend [redacted] for his efforts and wish him well on his next endeavor at the CIA.

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Sincerely,

Bill Chappell, Jr.
 Chairman
 Defense Subcommittee